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SUBJECT: TALKS TO RESUME JUNE 11
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1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS JUNE 6 AGREED RESUME INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS JUNE 11. PAPERS PREDICT CLERIDES WILL ASK DENKTASH FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION TURK CYPRIOT VIEW "UNITARY STATE" CONCEPT.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL LOCAL OBSERVERS GLOOMY OVER RESUMPTION PROSPECTS. RIGHTWING PRESS ATTACKS GOVT FOR CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING OLCAY'S SC STATEMENT (WHICH "REJECTED" BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS). EVEN COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI", HITHERTO ONLY STRONG ADVOCATE OF NEGOTIATIONS, NOW QUESTIONS WHETHER TURKISH ATTITUDE PERMITS RESUMPTION TALKS.

3. DENKTASH, IN JUNE 6 INTERVIEW, ATTEMPTED TO BE SURE GREEK

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SIDE BORE BLAME FOR ANTICIPATED FAILURE; REFUSED DENOUNCE MAKARIOS' SPEECH (REFTEL). SAID SPEECHES OUTSIDE NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT EFFECT FRAMEWORK OF TALKS. (INTER ALIA, DENKTASH SPECULATED MAKARIOS' WORDS SAID "IN ANGER AND NERVOUSNESS" AND DIRECTED AT GREEK COMMUNITY.) DENKTASH CONCLUDED TURKISH SIDE WILL CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK UNSYG FORMULA IN EFFORT REACH AGREEMENT SAFEGUARDING "PARTNERSHIP STATUS WITHIN AN INDEPENDENT, GUARANTEED BI-COMMUNAL CYPRUS REPUBLIC." AVOIDED ANY MENTION "FEDERAL."

4. DESPITE LINE TAKEN BY DENKTASH, TURK CYPRIOT PRESS SEE LITTLE SENSE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS. NORMALLY PRO-DENKTASH "BOZKURT" CARRIED OPEN LETTER TO VICE PRESIDENT JUNE 7 PREDICTING TURK COMMUNITY WILL FULLY SUPPORT DECISION WITHDRAW FROM TALKS. CALLED ON DENKTASH TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES SAFEGUARD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, SPECIFICALLY THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT "AIR BRIDGE." ALLEGED COMMUNITY STRENGTH BEING DISSIPATED AT CONFERENCE TABLE; CLAIMED SITUATION BETTER IN 1963-67 PERIOD WHEN COMMUNITY "USING GUNS."

5. COMMENT: "BOZKURT" ATTACK MIRRORS CRITICISM WE HAVE HEARD FROM INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUALS WITHIN TURK COMMUNITY, INCLUDING PRESIDENT TCPA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY UNEL. RESUMPTION OF TALKS CLEARLY NOT RPT NOT OVERLY POPULAR IN EITHER COMMUNITY. GRANT

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